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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN - SAUDI ALERT

1. FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH, KING TOLD ME DECEMBER 20 THAT
SAUDI MAJOR GENERAL ESH SHEIKH, FORMER COMMANDER SAUDI 11TH
BRIGADE IN JORDAN AND NEW SAUDI GROUND FORCES COMMANDER,
HAD BRIEFED HIM IN EARLY DECEMBER ON SAUDI ARMED FORCES
ALERT CALLED AT THAT TIME.

2. ESH SHEIKH SAID SAUDIS HAD FIRM INFORMATION ON AN
INTENDED ISRAELI ATTACK ON SAUDI OIL AND DEFENSE
INSTALLATIONS. HENCE THE ALERT AND GENERAL FLYING
REDUCTIONS IN TABUK AREA ABOUT WHICH KING WAS INFORMED.
KING SAID HE ALSO KNEW OF SAUDI GROUND FORCES MANEUVER
CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN AREA BETWEEN TABUK AND HAQL.

3. KING SAID HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION WHICH
WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM SAUDI CONCERNS ABOUT ISRAELI
INTENTIONS AND SAID HE HAD MADE THIS COMPLETELY CLEAR
TO SAUDI GENERAL ESH SHEIKH.
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